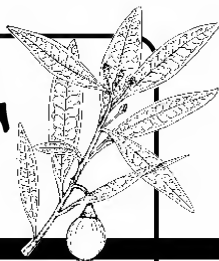


# The BAY LEAF

May 2001



California Native Plant Society • East Bay Chapter • Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

## Calendar of Events

May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, TUESDAYS:

- Plant sale work sessions for the Fall 2001 plant sale (see p. 2).

May 2, W EDN ESDAY:

- Board of Directors' meeting at the home of Jenny Fleming, 2750 Shasta Rd., Berkeley. 7:30 p.m. All members welcome.

May 5, SATURDAY:

- Creek restoration in Orinda (see p. 2).

May 6, SUN DAY:

- Field trip to Mt. Diablo (see back page).

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- Field trip to Sunol Regional Park (see back page).

May 6, SUN DAY:

- Deadline for June *Bay Leaf*. Give items to Brett Boltz or Joe Willingham.

May 12-13, SATURDAY-SUN DAY:

- California Wildflower Show in Oakland (see p. 2).

May 20, SUN DAY:

- Field trip to Los Trancos Preserve (see back page).

May 23, W EDN ESDAY:

- Membership meeting (see below).

June 16, SATURDAY:

- Field trip to Strawberry Creek (see back page).

## Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 23 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

### Plant Communities of the White Mountains of California

#### Speaker: Terry Sozanski

The high and arid White Mountains, spanning the border of California and Nevada east of the Owens Valley, support a phenomenal flora. Over 1000 native taxa have been described in plant communities ranging from desert scrub to pinyon-juniper woodland to subalpine forest and alpine tundra. Magnificent forests on raw dolomite sweep from the crest of the range down into Fish Lake Valley in the east. Vast alpine fell fields sustain a wonderland of cushion plants. And then there are the bristlecone pines. Stately and impossibly picturesque, these ancient trees seem to rise directly out of the rocks that create the moonlike landscape.

Aside from traveling to the White Mountains to experience their grandeur in person, the best way to see this wonderful terrain and the plants that inhabit it is through the magic of art and photography. Few photographers can evoke the feeling of the place as Terry Sozanski does; one feels almost able to walk into

each scene he photographs and examine the plants and the landscape. In his presentation, Terry will take us on a tour of the Whites, introducing us to the huge vistas and the remarkable plants that persevere in this challenging environment.

Terry grew up in Sydney, Australia. After graduating from Sydney University, he worked as a chemist before embarking on a world journey in 1975. He settled in Marin County and has lived there since 1981, working as a painting contractor. His keen interest in horticulture led him to direct his prodigious photographic talent, honed over 25 years, toward plant and landscape photography.

The meeting will take place in the Conference Center of the University of California Botanical Garden on Centennial Drive, east of Memorial Stadium, above the main campus of the University of California in Berkeley. The Garden gate will open at 7 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. CNPS books and other publications will be on display and available for purchase. Please contact Holly Forbes, 234-2913, if you have any questions.

## Native Plant Restoration Team

### Native Plant Restoration Team

The King Estates Grassland work party went fabulously; thanks to local connect Marshal Hasbrouk, Gudrun Kleist and Bill McClung for handling tools/details, and for the great group of volunteers who came out. On Saturday, May 5, help with the restoration of San Pablo Creek in downtown Orinda. We will join with the Friends of Orinda Creeks to pull Algerian ivy, French broom and Himalayan blackberry. Wear long sleeves and pants, and shoes that may get wet; rubber boots are ideal. Meet at Native Here at 10 a.m., or go directly to site: the parking lot behind Vintage House at 10:30 a.m. Directions: After the tunnel, take the Orinda exit, turn left (north) and go under Hwy. 24, turn right at the first light and then left on Orinda Way. Drive about one block and turn left into 25 Orinda Way.

Upcoming work parties: June 2/Skyline Serpentine Prairie, July 7/Mitchell Canyon-Mt. Diablo, August 4/Berkeley Waterfront. Mark your calendars! For a monthly Team email update, please send a note to [casartunda@aol.com](mailto:casartunda@aol.com).

. . . Noah Booker

## Thank you Jenny & Phoebe!

At the May membership meeting, we will honor two of our most dedicated members for years of service to the East Bay Chapter. They are **Jenny Fleming**, one of the founding members of the California Native Plant Society and a Fellow of the Society, and **Phoebe Watts**, long time co-editor of the *Bay Leaf*. Please come to the May membership meeting to help honor the outstanding efforts of Jenny and Phoebe.

## Plant Sale Activities



### Propagation and Potting Sessions:

Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Merritt College Landscape Horticulture Area

Join us at the potting table for any amount of time you can spare during this busy time of the year. Bring your lunch for the break at noon and 50 cents for the parking fee. For more information and/or directions to find us, call (925) 376-4095.

. . . Shirley McPheeters

## California Wildflower Show

### Oakland Museum, May 12-13

Celebrate Mother's Day Weekend at the Oakland Museum Of California's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Wildflower Show.

More than 150 species of freshly gathered flowers will be on display in this year's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Wildflower Show at the Oakland Museum of California on Mother's Day Weekend. The annual exhibition features native flowers gathered in the field, brought into the museum and sorted, identified and labeled by botanists. The show takes place Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 13, from noon to 5 p.m.

Each year's Wildflower Show is a surprise, featuring a selection of species from locations chosen just before the collecting takes place, as the weather dictates. This year's focus, if nature cooperates, will be on flowers of the greater Bay Area.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before the show, teams made up of museum staff, CNPS members and other volunteers will fan out across the area to collect as many species of flowers as possible. Rare, threatened or endangered species are never collected. Friday, botanists

from the Jepson Herbarium of the University of California, Berkeley along with other botanists, identify the species collected. Volunteers arrange the flowers in the Museum's Natural Sciences Gallery Side Bays, and a staff member of the UC Botanical Garden composes mixed wildflower bouquets for the exhibition.

CNPS volunteers will be on hand during the two-day show to answer questions. Visitors can learn more about using native species in their gardens and conserving the botanical diversity that is found in the state, and acquire information about existing threats to native wildflower populations and organizations devoted to California's native plants. Magnifying glasses distributed among the tables will provide closer looks at the complex and fascinating structure of flowers.

The Annual Wildflower Show is organized by the Natural Sciences Department of the Oakland Museum in collaboration with CNPS, which monitors the collecting; the Jepson Herbarium of the University of California, Berkeley; the University of California Botanical Garden; the East Bay Municipal Utility District; and the Natural Sciences Guild and members of the Oakland Museum of California.

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## New Membership Application

The California Native Plant Society is open to all. The mission of the California Native Plant Society is to increase understanding and appreciation of California's native plants and to preserve them in their natural habitat through scientific activities, education, and conservation. Membership includes a subscription to the quarterly journal *Fremontia*.

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#### I wish to affiliate with:

\_\_\_\_ East Bay Chapter (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties)

\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mail application and check to:

Membership Chairman, California Native Plant Society, 1722 JSt., Suite 17, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### Membership category:

\_\_\_\_ Student, Retired, limited income, \$20

\_\_\_\_ Individual, Library, \$35

\_\_\_\_ Household, Family, or Group, \$45

\_\_\_\_ Supporting, \$75

\_\_\_\_ Plant lover, \$100

\_\_\_\_ Patron, \$250

\_\_\_\_ Benefactor, \$500

\_\_\_\_ Life, \$1000

## Field Trips



Sunday May 6, at 9 a.m. Barbara Ertter will lead a field trip to **chromatic destinations on Mt. Diablo**: Red Road to White Canyon, and then to Black Point. The trip will start from the Mitchell

Canyon parking lot for Mt. Diablo State Park, and will include some plant survey of late flowers and less-studied areas along the route. Water will be available at the parking lot, but be sure to carry plenty, along with lunch. Be prepared for rattlesnakes and ticks; Barbara recommends light-colored clothing. Directions: from Berkeley/Oakland, travel east on Hwy. 24 to Walnut Creek, where Hwy. 24 ends at the junction with I-680. Take I-680 northbound and immediately exit onto Ygnacio Valley Rd. Take a right turn onto Ygnacio Valley Rd. at the light. Continue for several miles until you reach Clayton Blvd. Turn right on Clayton Blvd. and proceed to Mitchell Canyon Rd. (at a light). Turn right and continue to the end, where there is a parking lot (be sure to bring change to pay the fee, if needed).



Sunday May 6, 2:30 p.m.: **Sunol Regional Park**. How to get there: From Berkeley/Oakland: Get on I-580 eastbound, and stay on it through Castro Valley and over the hills to the I-580/I-680 interchange. Then take I-680 south to Calaveras Road. Exit at Calaveras Rd. and follow the signs to the county park. The entrance to the park is on Geary Rd. This is a fee entrance. The parking lot is large, so meet at the footbridge, which starts the Canyon View Trail. The hike lasts several miles and has several hundred feet of altitude change. Sunol usually has a very good wildflower display, and the hike will go through mostly meadows and some woods.



Sunday, May 20, 2:30 p.m.: **Los Trancos Open Space Preserve**. A botanically interesting area, with coralroot orchids and much else. The trail for the field trip is about one mile. After hiking

this trail, the field trip group will visit some other parks in the area. How to get there: From Berkeley/Oakland: cross the Bay Bridge, and take 101 to the I-280 intersection. From 101/I-280 junction, take I-280 South to Highway 92. Alternatively, take I-880 south to Highway 92 in Hayward, and take 92 east over the San Mateo Bridge and beyond to the intersection with I-280. Continue south on I-280 to Highway 84/Woodside Road. Take Woodside Road west (uphill) through Woodside until you reach Skyline Blvd. Turn left (south) on Skyline and to Page Mill. Turn left (east) on Page Mill. The park will appear on the left, before any steep downhill section. Notice the columbines on the right where the road is wooded.



Saturday, June 16, at 10 a.m. John Sutate will lead a field trip along the portion of **Strawberry Creek** in the main campus for the

University of California. John works as a gardener for the university and has years of experience to share on the history and how to improve the situation for native plants along the creek. Participants can expect as much information as they wish concerning the possibilities of native plants in urban gardening situations. Meet at the south end of the Valley Life Science Building on the university campus. From downtown Berkeley BART, walk east on Center Street into the campus, and then follow the map sign for directions to Valley Life Science Building.

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